

SOUTH NODAWAY R-IV SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – March 26, 2014

A quorum being present and due notice having been published according to Section 610.010 & 610.022 RSMo, the regular meeting of the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education was called to order by President Rick Holtman on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 7:04 p.m. in the commons are at the school in Barnard, Missouri.

Members Present: Rick Holtman – President;– Macia Kemper - Vice President; Chris LaMaster – Member arrived late; Shawn Beck – Member; Steve Farnan – Member; Janet Hilsabeck – Member; and Debbie Bennett – Member. Other School Personnel Present: Darbi Bauman, Elementary Principal; Shawn Emerson, High School Principal, Absent; Kyle Collins, Superintendent and Brandy Wolf, Board Secretary; Teachers representatives Stacy Harlan and Dottie Nelson; Technology Coordinator Brad Jones; Dick Ross; Johnnie Silkett; Kathryn Rice, Nodaway News Leader.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda and/or additions

Approval of Minutes (February 19, 2014 regular meeting and executive meeting)

Approval of Warrant #9.

Macia Kemper motioned and Shawn Beck seconded to accept the consent agenda. The motion carried 5-0 with one abstaining and one absent.

Visitors, Delegations, Interviews

None at this time.

Teacher Representative Comments

Dottie Nelson, high school special education, told the board in her report that she is very thankful for her paraprofessionals with all of the help that they do with the special education department. The high school Special Ed has 11 students between junior high and high school. She is doing the Dynamic Learning Mapping with the kids. It comes with a program that when the child takes the assessment, they will give you the tools to help that said child. Mrs. Nelson is very thankful to the high school staff as well with all of their help with the students.

Stacy Harlan, third grade teacher, told the board that some of the staff have been doing a book study with The Leader in Me book and program. They have applied for a grant and it has been submitted and they are waiting to hear back. Ms. Harlan stated that her students are preparing for MAP testing. The 2nd and 3rd graders went to Arrowhead Stadium and toured the stadium and locker rooms. Nine out of 13 3rd graders were able to go to the Literature Festival in Warrensburg that was sponsored by the PTO. The kids really enjoyed it and came back excited. Mrs. Harlan is planning a math activity with her 3rd graders in which 8 out of 13 have signed up so far to stay after school.

Committee Reports

There were none at this time.

Elementary, High School, and Superintendent's Reports

Elementary Principal Darbi Bauman commented in her written report to the board that the average daily attendance was at 98% with 75 students enrolled Kindergarten through sixth grade. Mrs. Bauman told the board

that fifty students in grades 3rd-10th grades were able to earn the privilege to attend the Children's Literature Festival. Each group met and listened to five different children/youth authors and illustrators. This was the 46th year that the college in Warrensburg has hosted this festival. Several of the authors commented that there is not another one like it in the country. Mrs. Bauman wants to thank the Longhorn PTO for their support in sponsoring this event which paid for all of our students to go. On March 20th the second and third grade classes traveled to Kansas City to participate in the Chiefs Sports Lab: A Health and Fitness Lab. Students learned about brain games, injury prevention, their heart and digestive systems and careers. They were also given a tour of Arrowhead which included the players locker rooms. Ms. Bauman states that our PAT leader, Barb Sherry, is currently servicing 15 families in the birth to three year old category. On March 17, she hosted a group meeting in which the dietitian from Hy-vee presented How To Eat the Rainbow to the children and parents and made a green shake for them all to try. The Longhorn PTO is sponsoring Taste It Tuesdays. Once a month, Debbie Bennett brings in a food for students to try. If they choose to try it, their name goes into a drawing for a small prize. This is to encourage students to try new or different foods. Mrs Bauman states that the Terra Nova and MAP testing will begin on March 31st and go through April 18th.

Superintendent Kyle Collins told members in his written report that teachers and students are getting ready for testing coming up. He also states in his written report that there are multiple changes with the ACES special education consortium for next year that will affect South Nodaway. There are two open positions there that ACES will be trying to fill. Dr. Collins states that revenues continue to come in at or above projections for the year. Expenses have leveled out since we have completed most of the renovations and tech infrastructure. Also, state projections may improve in terms of withholding which should improve the end of year bottom line.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSBA Meeting-April 28, 2014

Discussion was held on whether or not the board wanted to attend the MSBA meeting on April 28th. The Board wanted to wait until later in the meeting when Chris LaMaster arrived to discuss.

Guilford Building Demolition Update

Dr. Collins stated there were a couple of interested parties who were to present bids in writing to the board and neither of them followed through. The Board discussed the option of bidding out the job. Macia Kemper made a motion for the board to advertise for proposals on demolition to the Guilford building. Rick Holtman seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Member Chris LaMaster arrived at 7:42

Dick Ross Update

Mr. Ross showed the board a couple of different options in regards to the install of the gym ceiling. Bids include labor, demolition, and materials. Mr. Ross also received a couple of bids in regards to lighting. Mr Ross discussed the option between the regular T5 lights in comparison to using the LED lighting. Mr. Ross thinks the whole job can be done this summer for \$22,945. The board stated that they would need to bid out this job. Dick gave plans to the board in regards updating the lobby bathrooms. Floors will be epoxied and wall will be extended out, which will add two handicap restrooms. Mr Ross also discussed the possibility of updating the locker rooms. Mr. Johnnie Silkett, 2014-2015 Superintendent, suggested that there would be some clean up things that could be done depending on time and budget in regards to summer renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

Paperless Board Meeting Renewal

Board discussed going a different route with paperless board meetings. Brad Jones, Technology Coordinator, discussed using Google docs. The board decided not to renew Web School Tools for their paperless board meetings.

Technology Update

Brad Jones, Technology Coordinator, gave the board a moving forward/looking forward update. Mr. Jones stated that we are having trouble keeping up with the wireless demands. He has a proposal from a company to put in new wireless access points. It will be business grade and upgradeable. This will give wireless access wherever the students are at. Mr. Jones would be able to do all of the install and wiring. He also stated that in the future the server will need to be updated.

Budget

Dr. Collins presented to the board an updated salary proposal for the 2014-2015 school year. Dr. Collins wants to raise teacher base to \$29,700 which would be a \$590 raise to base. This would also include a non-certified raise of \$.35 and an administration raise of \$2353. With this projection would have a surplus of \$15, 540. Also proposing to increase lunch prices by \$.05 and milk prices by \$.05. Board Member Macia Kemper made the suggestion to wait until a later date to approve when more solid numbers came back on bids to maintenance projects. Discussion was held in regards. Rick Holtman made a motion to approve the salary proposal provided by Dr. Collins. Shawn Beck seconded the motion. The vote was 4-2 with one abstaining.

Other Agenda Items

MSBA meeting

The board revisited this subject of the April 28th MSBA meeting after Chris LaMaster was able to join the meeting. The board decided that they would not be able to make it to this meeting at this point.

Board took a break from 9:02 p.m.- 9:11 p.m.

Movement into Executive Session, In Conformity with Section RSMo 610.021 (13) for teacher evaluations.

Rick Holtman made a motion to go into executive session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss teacher evaluations Chris LaMaster seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster, yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes, Rick Holtman, yes; Macia Kemper, yes; and Janet Hilsabeck, yes.

Non-tenured teacher evaluations were discussed.

Shawn Beck made a motion at 9:32p.m. to come out of executive session and return to open session. Rick Holtman seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Shawn Beck, yes; Chris LaMaster yes; Steve Farnan, yes; Debbie Bennett, yes; Rick Holtman, yes; Janet Hilsabeck, yes; and Macia Kemper, yes.

Rick Holtman made a motion to rehire all probationary teachers . Macia Kemper seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

Shawn Beck made a motion to adjourn and Rick Holtman seconded the motion. It carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled to be April 16, 2014.

Approved by the South Nodaway R-IV Board of Education.

President

Secretary